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SUMMARY: NEW FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (FEC) ANNOUNCED  
JANUARY 24 COMPRISES ELEVEN MILITARY/POLICE MEMBERS AND  
EIGHT CIVILIANS, WITH SIX OF LATER HOLD-OVERS FROM PREVIOUS  
COUNCIL. END SUMMARY.

1. IN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT JANUARY 24, FMG ANNOUNCED COMPO-  
SITION NEW FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (FEC) ANTICIPATED SINCE  
BEGINING OF YEAR. NEW BODY INCLUDES SIX CIVILIAN AND TWO  
MILITARY MEMBERS HELD OVER FROM PREVIOUS FEC, BUT ADDS NINE  
NEW MILITARY/POLICE MEMBERS AND TWO NEW CIVILIANS.

2. CIVILIAN MEMBERS RETAINED ARE ADEDEJI (ECONOMIC DEVELOP-  
MENT); ARIKPO (EXTERNAL AFFAIRS); GRAHAM-DOUGLAS (ATTORNEY-  
GENERAL AND JUSTICE); MONGUNA (MINES AND POWER); SHAGARI  
(FINANCE); AND ENAHORO (WHO MOVES FROM LABOR AND INFORMATION  
TO POST OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER FOR BLACK ARTS FES-  
TIVAL). MILITARY COMMISSIONERS HASSAN KATSINA (ESTABLISH-  
MENTS) AND MURTALA MOHAMED (COMMUNICATIONS) RETAIN POSTS,  
WHILE POLICE INSPECTOR-GENERAL KAM SELEM GIVES UP INTERNAL  
AFFAIRS WHILE REMAINING FEC MEMBER BY VIRTUE OF POSITION  
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AT HEAD OF POLICE.

3. FOLLOWING CIVILIANS DROPPED FROM FEC: AMINU KANO (HEALTH); DIKKO (TRANSPORT); EKE (EDUCATION) ; BRIGGS (TRADE); ADETORO (INDUSTRIES); OKEZIE (AGRICULTURE); AND OKUNNU (WORKS AND HOUSING).

4. NEW CIVILIANS ON FEC ARE E.K. CLARK (FORMERLY FINANCE COMMISSIONER IN MID-WESTERN STATE) AND E. AKAEZE, WHO TAKE INFORMATION AND TRADE PORTFOLIOS RESPECTIVELY. EAST-CENTRAL STATE POLICE COMMISSIONER SULEMAN APPOINTED TO SUCCEED KAM SELEM IN CHARGE OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHILE EIGHT NEW MILITARY MEMBERS OF FEC ARE AS FOLLOWS: MAJOR-GENERAL EKPO (AGRICULTURE) ; LT-COL ALI (EDUCATION; FORMERLY HEADED YOUTH SERVICE CORPS); BRIGADIER ABISOYE (HEALTH); COLONEL WUSHISHI (INDUSTRIES); BRIGADIER ADEFOPE (LABOR); CAPTAIN (NIGERIAN NAVY) OLUMIDE (TRANSPORT); BRIGADIER OBASANJO (WORKS AND HOUSING); AND COLONEL SULEMAN (SPECIAL DUTIES).

5. ANNOUNCEMENT SPECIFIES THAT ALL APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR PERIOD OF THREE YEARS EXCEPT FOR ENAHORO, WHOSE TENURE OF OFFICE SET AT 18 MONTHS TO COVER PERIOD OF FESTIVAL. ALL APPOINTMENTS EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 24 DATES OF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

6. COMMENT: GOWON HAD PROMISED NEW FEC FOR END OF 1974 IN HIS OCTOBER 1 STATE OF UNION ADDRESS, AND ON NEW YEAR'S DAY HAD ADDED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING "SOON" (REFTEL). FULLER ANALYSIS OF COMPOSITION AND PROSPECTS FOR NEW BODY WILL BE FORTHCOMING AT BEGINNING OF WEEK.  
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